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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HORNAUER et al

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For: POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL-DERIVATIZED BIOMOLECULES AND THEIR USE IN HETEROGENEOUS DETECTION METHODS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 1, 2000

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March 2, 2000, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, lines 24 and 25, in each delete "(AO_n) and replace by --(AO)_n--.

Page 9, line 17, delete "(AO_n) and replace by --(AO)_n--.

IN CLAIMS:

Claim 8, lines 3 and 4, in each delete "(AO_n) and replace by --(AO)_n--.

Claim 22, line 2, delete the formula and substitute therefor the following

$\text{P}_r[-(\text{AO})_n \text{T}]_m-$

Claim 23, line 2, delete "P_r" and substitute therefor --P'--.

Claim 31, line 4, delete "m" and substitute therefor --M--.